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## East Third under I-80 to close Sept. 25

Closure in La Salle expected to last through the weekend

**OTTAWA** – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that East Third Road under Interstate 80 in La Salle will close Sept. 25.

The closure is necessary to remove portion of the bridge that carries westbound Interstate 80 over East Third Road and is expected to last from 7 p.m. Sept. 25 to 5 a.m. Sept. 28. Signs, message boards and flaggers will be in place to direct motorists.

This work is part of a larger project to repair or replace the I-80 bridges over the Little Vermillion River, East Third Road and Raccuglia Drive. Construction on westbound I-80 is expected to last until late fall, and work on eastbound I-80 will begin next spring.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. To avoid the work area, when feasible, use of alternate routes should be considered. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to changed conditions and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, refrain from using mobile devices and be alert for workers and equipment.

Over the next six years, IDOT is planning to improve more than 3,300 miles of highway and 8.4 million square feet of bridge deck as part of the Rebuild Illinois capital program, which is investing \$33.2 billion into all modes of transportation. Year One included approximately \$2.7 billion of improvements statewide on 1,706 miles of highway, 128 bridges and 228 additional safety improvements.

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